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NJMC to Assist North Bergen with Flood Control Responsibilities

LYNDHURST, NJ – In its continuing effort to aggressively pursue flood management on behalf of Meadowlands municipalities, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission will partner with the Township of North Bergen to mitigate flooding on Dell Avenue.

“The NJMC is very pleased to help this and other municipalities with their efforts to manage flooding that threatens residents and businesses,” said NJMC Executive Director, Robert Ceberio. “Dell Avenue in North Bergen is an essential industrial road. Flooding in that area is a nuisance for drivers and threatens business owners with losses. This project is an example of how the NJMC can continue to offer a helping hand to families in the Meadowlands and the businesses that provide jobs and a solid tax base to our communities.”

The NJMC Board has authorized the Executive Director to appropriate \$132,000 for the Township of North Bergen to be used toward the design and construction of the project. Work chiefly entails restoring existing drainage infrastructure.

Under its Floodplain Management Plan, the NJMC is working on a number of stormwater projects throughout the Meadowlands District. In Secaucus, this includes funding for the Meadowlands Parkway flood control project and drainage improvements at Mill Ridge Road and other residential areas throughout the municipality. This summer the NJMC installed a new tide gate on Palmer Terrace in Carlstadt and conducted several other drainage improvements in this municipality and in Moonachie to alleviate flooding to area residences and businesses.

This fall, the NJMC will begin work on the restoration of the East Rutherford and Rutherford tide gates. The endeavor should lead to significant improvements on Route 17 during flood events as well as a reduction in flooding on roadways and in businesses. A total of 10 tide gates and 16 culverts will be added. Many other projects in other

communities such as Little Ferry, Kearny, South Hackensack and Jersey City are also completed, underway or in the design stages.